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SUBJ: QUEBECOIS ATTITUDES TOWARD ANGLOPHONES

1. THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION FRENCH TV NETWORK BROADCAST FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, A PROGRAM ON WHITHER THE ANGLOPHONES UNDER A PQ GOVERNMENT ENTITLED "LE POUR ET LE CONTRE." CBC'S ENGLISH RADIO STATION CARRIED A SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

2. PROGRAM WAS BASED ON QUESTIONNAIRE PUBLISHED EARLIER IN FRANCOPHONE (ONLY) PRESS AND ON CALL-INS DURING COURSE THEREOF.

3. PANELISTS WERE CLAUDE RYAN, EDITOR OF LE DEVOIR; DALE THOMASON, POLITICAL SCIENTIST; CAMILLE LAURIN, QUEBEC MINISTER FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT; MIRIAM GRASSBY, AN ATTORNEY; AND MRS. ANDRE FERRETTI, A FORMER ADHERENT TO THE RASSEMBLEMENT POUR L'INDEPENDANCE NATIONALE, THE FORERUNNER TO THE PQ. ALL BUT THE LATTER SOUNDED RATHER MODERATE TONES, ALBEIT BOTH RYAN AND THOMSON NOTED THERE IS LITTLE IN THE PQ PROGRAM TO REASSURE MINORITY GROUPS HERE.

4. LAURIN GAVE MAJOR EMPHASIS TO THESIS TOLERANCE WOULD INCREASE NOW THAT QUEBECOIS NEED NO LONGER FEEL CULTURALLY INSECURE. INSECURITY BREEDS INTOLERANCE AND XENOPHOBIA.

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MRS. FERRETTI, ON OTHER HAND, GAVE EVERY INDICATION SHE WAS NOT HEARING HIM; HER DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ANGLOPHONE COMMUNITY BECAME INCREASINGLY VITRIOLIC DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM AND PAINTED IT AS A SINISTER FORCE, A "DOMINANT CLASS WHICH HAD ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED THE FRANCOPHONES AND WAS NOW AFRAID TO LOSE ITS PRIVILEGES."

5. MAJORITY OF CALLERS WERE ALSO HOSTILE TO ANGLOPHONES AND RYAN CAME IN FOR CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PERSONAL ABUSE FOR NOTING THAT PQ WAS NOT VERY LIBERAL WHEN IT COMES TO MINORITIES.

6. COMMENT: IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT FERRETTI AND OTHERS REPRESENT MORE THAN SMALL MINORITY OF FRENCH-CANADIANS, AT LEAST AT THAT DEGREE OF VIRULENCE. NONETHELESS, THAT ATTITUDE WAS BROUGHT HOME DIRECTLY THE OTHER EVENING WHEN A QUEBECOIS' DAUGHTER WAS DENIED ENTRY INTO THE U.S. AND HE CALLED OUR DUTY OFFICER TO PROTEST, NOTING THAT HE "HOPED WE HAD A SHORT LEASE ON OUR OFFICES NOW THAT THE PQ WAS IN POWER." THUS, TO WHATEVER EXTENT SUCH EXTREMISM EXISTS, WE CAN EXPECT SOME SPILLOVER.
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